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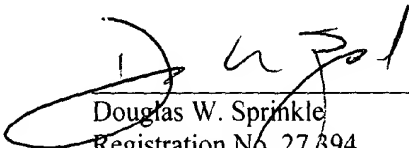
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Dear Sir:

In response to the denial of Applicant's Petition For Filing Patent Application By Other Than All The Inventors - 37 CFR 1.47 (a) please find Applicants' Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47 (a) and Supplemental Declaration By Hubert Verhaag Under 37 CFR 1.47 (incorrectly identified as "1.74") submitted herewith.

If any additional fees are necessary, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 07-1180. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

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Dear Sir:

The inventors of the above-identified application, Mr. Hubert Verhaag and Mr. Wilfried Schwörer seek reconsideration of the Commissioner's Decision On Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) mailed January 3, 2001. More specifically, the inventors respectfully disagree with the decision of the Commissioner denying the original petition of 10 October 2000 and request reconsideration of that decision for the reasons set forth below or otherwise incorporated by reference.

1. The above-identified inventors hereby adopt and incorporate herein by reference all allegations, statements and exhibits in the original petition filed 10 October 2000.

2. In addition to the facts disclosed in the original petition, on February 7, 2001, Mr. Verhaag again personally approached Mr. Schlegel and presented him with a complete copy of the above-identified application (including the specification, drawings, claims, declaration and power of attorney and assignment). See Exhibit A, ¶ 2.

3. During the February 7, 2001 meeting, Mr. Schlegel again expressly refused to review or sign the declaration or any of the application documents that were presented to him by Mr. Verhaag. See Exhibit A, ¶ 3.

4. Based upon his contact with Mr. Schlegel, it is Mr. Verhaag's understanding that he will continue to refuse to sign any documents related to the above-identified application on the grounds that he has nothing more to do with this matter since he has now left Vivotech New Concepts in Fresh Meat GmbH. See Exhibit A, ¶ 4; See also Original Petition at ¶ 4, 7-9 & 13 and attached exhibits.

5. Mr. Schlegel's full legal name and last known address remain:

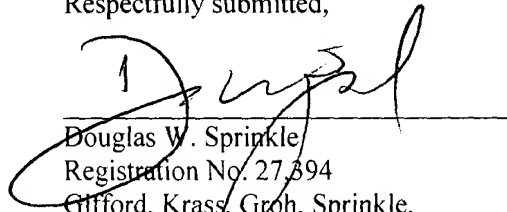
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6. The required fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h) was enclosed with the original application and has been paid. Any additional fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 07-1180.

Therefore, in view of the above statements, the attached declaration of Mr. Verhaag, Mr. Schlegel's prior participation in the German priority application and the clear evidence that Mr. Schlegel has on two occasions expressly refused to join or participate in the prosecution of the above-identified application, inventors Verhaag and Schwörer are entitled to make such application on behalf of themselves and Mr. Schlegel.

The inventors respectfully request that this Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) be entered that request be granted.

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